

**Montana ExpoPark
Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

Minutes

Members Present: Jim Sargent, Kelly Manzer, Chuck Olson, John Hayes, Dale Johnson, Leanne Hall, and Kelly Audet

Members Not Present: Travis McConville

Staff Present: Susan Shannon, and Kim Lander

Guest Present: Bill Baillie and Darrell Ogg, Vision Net

Board Chairman Jim Sargent called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm in the Gold Buckle Room.

Minutes: Board Chairman Jim Sargent did not receive Minutes.

Welcome New Members:

A. Kelly Audet – Introduced herself.

B. Leanne Hall – Introduced herself.

A. Public Comments

A. Agenda items – None.

B. Non-agenda items – None.

B. Committee Reports

A. Livestock – Susan Shannon reported the small animal scale has been secured, media participation, added dollars, and Montana State Fair will clerk the sale.

B. Entertainment – None.

C. Events & Promotions – Jim Sargent complimented on the advertising implemented for fair.

D. Long Range Planning – None.

C. Financial Report – Susan Shannon reported on handouts to include the events report, and upcoming public events. Susan Shannon reported a snap shot of the budget to new advisory board members, event reports and public events. Montana ExpoPark has met budgets set by the County Commission the last two years.

A. Reports – Fair Update - Susan Shannon reported night show ticket sales are encouraging and open dialogue about the impact of events during the fair. Advisory Board given the timeline for voting for the State Fair Art.

B. Other – None.

D. Activity

A. 3 Rivers Stage – Jim Sargent reported on the work being done on the 3 Rivers Stage and a big thank you to Katrina Roberts, Trent Cox, Zachary Douglas, and Wayne Thares for their help. Chuck Olson reported on the specifics of repairs to the 3 Rivers Stage.

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E. Unfinished Business

A. Update 501 C3 – John Hayes reported there are three more people he has spoken with that are interested on being on the foundation board. Tabled until next meeting,

New Business

A. Fair Packets – Susan Shannon reported fair packets are in the process of being assembled. Pick up Tuesday, July 25. To include All Access Authorization badge, guest passes, and hang tag. Polo shirts will arrived early next week for pick up. Susan Shannon reported on gate entrances and exits.

B. Board Pictures Concerts – Jim Sargent asked about night show meet and greet pictures. Susan Shannon reported space permitting we will facilitate.

Commissionaire Report/Comments: John Hayes updated on horseracing and there are enough horses to run. This is the fifth year for the Great Falls Turf Club. Open dialogue about community impact horse racing has. There are people all around the country calling to inquire about what is being implemented.

Susan Shannon spoke about recycling plan with the MAFB Airmen Council and Steel Etc.

Kelly Manzer asked about the Advisory Board expectations during the Montana State Fair. Jim Sargent explained expectations and open dialogue about the expectations.

Susan Shannon reported on dogs on the grounds during the fair. Waiting for County Attorney response and how to handle.

Announcements

Next Meeting: Saturday, July 29, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Gold Buckle Room. The next monthly Advisory Board meeting was not discussed.

It was moved by Chuck Olson and seconded by Randy Bogden to adjourn the meeting at 1:21pm. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved:

Director of Montana ExpoPark

Board Chair

Date: _____

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Lander
8/22/17